LA28 Paralympic Games – Paracanoe Qualification Ranking principles

Principles of the 2028 Paralympic Qualification Ranking system(PQR):

- The Ranking Period runs from 1 May 2026 to 31 May 2028.
- The Paralympic Qualification Ranking System is based upon individual athlete performances in the 200m event of the respective categories (MKL1, WKL1, MKL2, WKL2, MKL3, WKL3, MVL2, WVL2, MVL3, WVL3). Each event category has its own distinct ranking. Ten (10) quota slots are available in each category. The host country directly qualifies one (1) eligible male athlete in Kayak, one (1) eligible female athlete in Kayak, one (1) eligible male athlete in Va'a and one (1) eligible female athlete in Va'a, subject to being registered in the Paralympic Qualification Ranking system. These host country quotas will be deducted from the PQR quota allocation.
- Points achieved at competitions are awarded with the following multipliers:
    - 2026, 2027 and 2028 World Championships - 1,5x multiplier
    - 2026, 2027 World Cups - 1x multiplier
    - 2026, 2027, 2028 Continental Championships - 1x multiplier (Results from only two (2) Continental Championships may be included in the 2028 Paralympic Qualification Ranking for each athlete. At the beginning of the Ranking Period, Continents must designate which two Continental Championships, to be included in the World Ranking Model for Paralympic Qualification.)
    - National Championships – 0.25x multiplier (Results from only one (1) National Championship per year may be included in the 2028 Paralympic Qualification Ranking for each athlete) The competition standards must be accepted by the ICF.
- The list of competitions is outlined in the Qualification Timeline below.
- In the Event Rankings, up to five (5) best results (highest points) of each individual competitor are counted for each individual's PQR.
- If there is more than one athlete entered in the same event from the same NF at the same competition, both athletes may earn points.
- To be included in the Paralympic Qualification Ranking, the athletes' results must be from more than one continent. If an athlete who has five results does not have results from more than one continent, the athlete's total points will be reduced to four (4) with the lowest rank of the five being removed from consideration. Athletes with less than five (5) results will not be penalized.
- At the end of the Qualification Period, if two (2) or more individual competitors have equal points for the tenth qualification slot in the PQR, the following tie-breaker rules will apply:
    1. The individual athlete with the better result at the 2028 Canoe Sprint & Para Canoe World Championships will rank higher.

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- If a tie still exists, then:
  2. The individual athlete with the better result at the 2027 Canoe Sprint & Para Canoe World Championships will rank higher.

POINTS ALLOCATION TABLE:

Rank	Points	Rank	Points	Rank	Points
1	1000	22	580	43	330
2	900	23	570	44	320
3	840	24	560	45	310
4	800	25	550	46	280
5	790	26	540	47	270
6	780	27	530	48	260
7	770	28	500	49	250
8	760	29	490	50	240
9	750	30	480	51	230
10	720	31	470	52	220
11	710	32	460	53	210
12	700	33	450	54	200
13	690	34	440	55	190
14	680	35	430	56	180
15	670	36	420	57	170
16	660	37	390	58	160
17	650	38	380	59	150
18	640	39	370	60	140
19	610	40	360	61	130
20	600	41	350	62	120
21	590	42	340	63	110

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Qualification Timeline

Date	Milestone
1 May 2026	Start of the period for athletes to achieve performances towards the 2028 Paralympic Qualification Rankings
14-17 May 2026	2026 ICF Canoe Sprint & ParaCanoe World Cup - Brandenburg
9-12 July 2026	2026 ICF Canoe Sprint & ParaCanoe World Cup - Montreal
26-30 August 2026	2026 ICF Canoe Sprint & ParaCanoe World Championships- Poznan, POL
2026	2026 CAC Canoe Sprint & ParaCanoe African Championships
2026	2026 ACC Canoe Sprint & ParaCanoe Asian Championships
2026	2026 ECA Canoe Sprint & ParaCanoe European Championships
2026	2026 OCC Canoe Sprint & ParaCanoe Oceania Championships
2026	2026 COPAC Canoe Sprint & ParaCanoe Pan-American Championships – Montreal, CAN
2026	2026 National Championships (one/nation)
2027	2027 ICF Canoe Sprint & ParaCanoe World Cup 1 (Europe)
2027	2027 ICF Canoe Sprint & ParaCanoe World Cup 2 (Asia)
25-29 August 2027	2027 ICF Canoe Sprint & ParaCanoe World Championships – Szeged, HUN.
2027	2027 CAC Canoe Sprint & ParaCanoe African Championships
2027	2027 ACC Canoe Sprint & ParaCanoe Asian Championships
2027	2027 ECA Canoe Sprint & ParaCanoe European Championships
2027	2027 OCC Canoe Sprint & ParaCanoe Oceania Championships
2027	2027 COPAC Canoe Sprint & ParaCanoe Pan-American Championships
2027	2027 National Championships (one/nation)
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2028	2028 OCC Canoe Sprint & ParaCanoe Oceania Championships
2028	2028 COPAC Canoe Sprint & ParaCanoe Pan-American Championships
2028	2028 ICF ParaCanoe World Championships
2028	2028 National Championships (one/nation)
31 May 2028	End of the period for athletes to achieve performances toward the 2028 Paralympic Qualification Rankings
7 June 2028	ICF notifies NPCs of their qualification slots
17 June 2028	The NPCs to confirm to the ICF the use of the allocated qualification slots.
3 July 2028	ICF to reallocate any unused qualification slots.
24 July 2028	**Los Angeles 2028 Sport Entries deadline**
15-27 AUG 2028	**Paralympic Games Los Angeles 2028**